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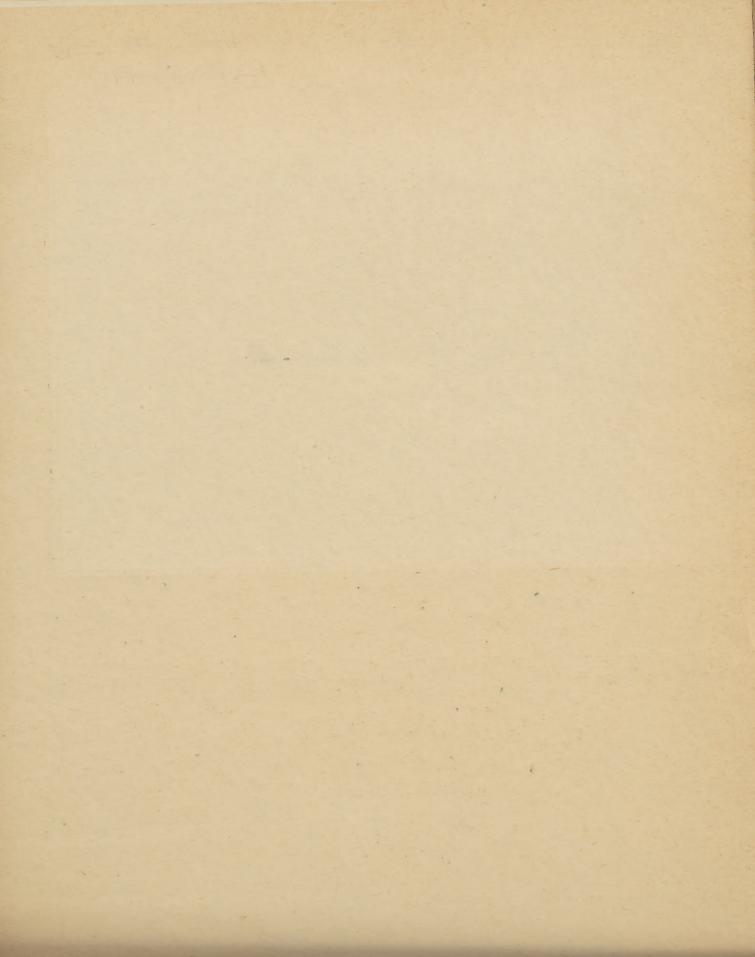
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TANK VENTILATING BLOWER TO THE TURRET BULGE

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- 1. PROJECT: No. 45, Operational and Physiological Characteristics of the Tank T26E3, (N26), Final Report. Subject: Study of the Proposed Relocation of the 1000 cfm Tank Ventilating Blower to the Turret Bulge.
 - a. Authority: Letter AGF, File 470.8, dated 17 July 1944, GNRQT-6/91272.
- b. Purpose: To determine the suitability of relocating the 1000 cfm ventilating fan in the turret bulge.

2. DISCUSSION:

limitations have been imposed on the Heavy Tank, M26 by the adoption of the present location of the 1000 cfm tank ventilating blower in the bow. Among these are: ballistically weakened front plate, vision obstruction for the driver and bog, vulnerability to mud, rain, snow, water splash from fording, excessive noise, and direct air blast on bow crew members. Investigation of other possible positions indicated that a blower of similar size and capacity could be installed at the rear of the turret bulge. The details of tests to determine the suitability of relocating the blower are contained in the Appendix.

3. CONCLUSIONS:

- a. Relocation of the 1000 cfm axial flow tank ventilating blower to the turret bulge position will provide:
 - (1) Adequate gun fume removal from the fighting compartment.
 - (2) High but tolerable dust conditions within the fighting compartment provided fenders and sand shields remain on vehicle and provided vehicle does not follow closely behind another vehicle on a heavy dust-covered terrain.
 - (3) Reduced air blast on crew members.
- b. Blower will not provide satisfactory air movement to remove moisture and heat from bow compartment when vehicle is buttoned up in hot, humid climates.
- c. Blower noise level is excessive when tank is stationary and engine is idling or not operating. Blower noise level, when blower is covered by discharge duct system, is annoying but still below that of the tank noise level when the vehicle is in operation. With the discharge duct removed noise level is excessive.
- d. A potential carbon monoxide hazard results from the proximity of the turret bulge blower armored intake to the auxiliary generator engine exhaust outlet.

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- e. Power consumption is high, but no greater than the power consumption of the bow blower.
- f. That, with regard to factors tested, the turret bulge location of the 1000 cfm blower is as satisfactory as the present bow location.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- a. That if the 1000 cfm tank ventilating blower is relocated to the turret bulge position in future production M26 tanks:
 - (1) A recirculating fan be located in the bow for additional air movement.
 - (2) An improved armored intake be designed and produced to give reduced resistance to air flow, either by the addition of turning vanes, improved air flow turns, or both.
 - (3) An improved discharge duct be designed to provide minimum resistance to airflow.
 - (4) Development be continued on a dust filter to reduce the dust concentration in the vehicle fighting compartment.
 - (5) Development be instigated to reduce the noise level of the axial flow blower.
 - (6) Adequate diversion of the auxiliary generator exhaust gases be accomplished to prevent entry into the fighting compartment.

NOTE:

Concurred in by Armored Board and Hqs. Armored Center with following additional recommendations:

That the 1000 cfm blower be relocated to the turret bulge in the Heavy Tank, M26, at the earliest possible date.

If the 1000 cfm blower is to be retained in the Heavy Tanks, T29 and T30, recommend consideration be given to relocation of these blowers for the same reasons set forth in Paragraph 2 of the attached report.

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#1 - Appendix w/table 2

#2 - Tables 1,3,4,5,6

#3 - Figures 1 - 4

APPENDIX

The following tests were conducted to determine the suitability of relocating the 1000 cfm axial flow tank ventilating blower from present production location in the bow to a new, proposed position, mounted horizontally, at the rear of the turret bulge. The desirability of the relocation is a result of limitations imposed by the location of present blower equipment; namely, vision obstruction for the driver and bog due to the elevation of the armored air intake; ballistic weakening of the casting; vulnerability as to the pickup of mud, rain, snow, and water splash from fording; excessive noise at the ear level of bow crew members; and direct high velocity air blast on the driver and bog.

Tests have been conducted on the turret and bow blowers which permit comparison with regard to air flow quantities, dust, noise, power, and gun fume removal. Details are listed below.

The subject blower is the axial flow type, manufactured by American Air Filter Company, Louisville, Kentucky, designed to produce 1000 cfm at a minimum voltage of 24 volts against 1.4 inches static positive pressure plus the resistance of the bow armored air intake. The standard blower housing was reduced in length to 7-7/8", placed in a triangular frame and mounted in the turret bulge in a horizontal plane. See Figure 4. For test purposes a box was constructed to surround the blower, diverting the air flow downward and through a duct built approximately one (1) inch above the casting floor, the full width of the bulge, channeling the air forward. On the bulge exterior there was a wooden mockup of an armored intake, directing the air vertically up to the blower.

The bow blower is of the same type, a pilot model for present production blowers, designed to supply the same volume flow as the turret blower under identical conditions.

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PROCEDURE:

Air volume flow measurements were made on the turret bulge blower to determine its capacity under varying conditions and as a comparison with the bow blower.

To measure the air volume of the turret blower the armored inlet was removed and replaced by an 18 foot length of ten (10) inch diameter straight pipe, the center of which contained a six (6) inch diameter sharp edge orifice with proper pressure take-off nipples. A water U-gauge was attached to the nipples to measure the pressure drop across the orifice, which in turn was calibrated for air flow, using the equation:

$$Q = \frac{3820 \times C \times D_2^2}{\sqrt{1 - R^4}} \times \sqrt{\frac{2}{1 - R^4}}$$

where Q = Air volume, cfm

C = Orifice coefficient, = 0.61

 $R = D_2/D_1$

Dy = Pipe diameter, ft.

D₂ = Orifice diameter, ft.

T = Air temperature, OF, Abs

h = Pressure drop, inches H20

b - Barometric pressure, mm. Hg.

The tank static pressure was measured with a U-gauge.

By controlling the intake area of the pipe, various air volumes were obtained. This was done for a variety of conditions; i.e., tank open, tank closed breech open, tank closed breech closed, etc. In this way air flow versus tank positive static pressure measurements were secured.

These data were plotted on double logarithmic graph paper yielding a straight line curve. The inlet pipe and orifice were then replaced by the armored inlet and a tank static pressure measurement was made and plotted on the same curve. The corresponding approximate air flow was thus determined for this condition.

The air flow from the bow blower was determined in a similar manner. The conditions measured were tank open and closed, blower discharge duct installed and removed, breech open and closed. The data are illustrated in Table 1.

Power input was calculated from current and voltage measured at the supply line near the turret blower switch. A calibrated stroboscope was used for measuring the blower speed. Several conditions were measured which are also listed on Table 1.

Pressure loss due to the resistance of the armored inlet and the discharge duct system were measured (see Fig. 4) to illustrate the cost of reduced air flow

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TABLE 2

POSITION MEASURED	STATIC PRESSURE INCHES H20				
(See Figure 4 for location)	Tank Open	Tank Buttoned Up			
P ₁ - Armored Inlet	0.55"	0.3011			
P ₂ - Side of Blower Box Anclosure	1.57"	1.34"			
P3 - Flat Exhaust Duct Near Box	0.67"	0.51"			
P, - Flat Exhaust Duct Near Opening	0.55"	U.27M			
P ₁ + P ₂ - Blower Equipment Resistance	2.12 ⁿ	1.64 ^m			

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location of the air discharge at knee level, rather than on the shoulders, as with
the present bow fan, is particularly desirable for cold weather operation.



PROCEDURE:

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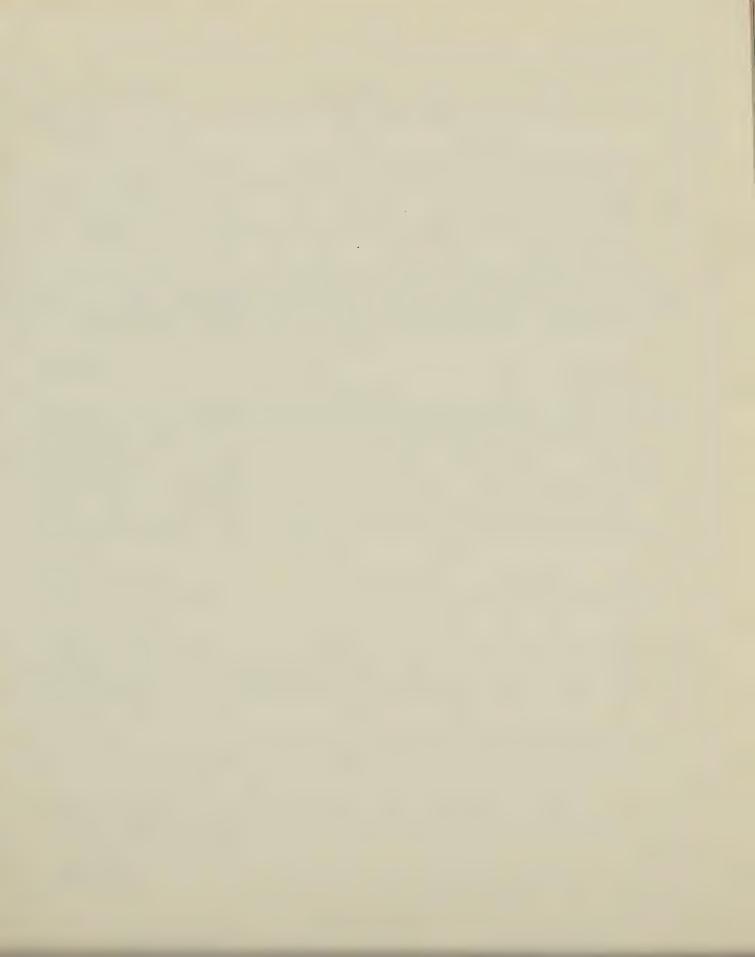
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The bow fan gave satisfactorily low results on all except one test in which the turret was sampled while firing the .30 cal. coaxial machine gun with the M-l First Partial Report on Project No. 41 - Physiological Characteristics of the T25El-T26El Tank. Subject: Control of Gun Fume Hazard, dated 19 July 1944).

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FROCEDURE:

Dust concentrations were measured under varying condition, with the boing made between the bow and turnet pulse blower once, approximately slading dust conditions, Dust was sampled with a F.S.A. Elaget Leginger apparatus to both a bow position (bog) and in the turnet (lower) at the breathing level.

A driving course 0.90 miles long was load out over an unvegitated clay terrain with reference to the prevailirs wind to allow a smallest of driving up of dawn wing. The dust condition of the course would be considered severe in terms of normal tank operation.

Tests were broken into two -roups. (a) test vehicle operating k-20 parts behind a leading M26 Heart wank and (b) test vehicle operating alone. Test speeds were 6-10 mph. In test (b) and shields alone then, in addition to front funders were removed to measure their benefit on unit roundtion. Average also velocity measurements were made during the above tests.

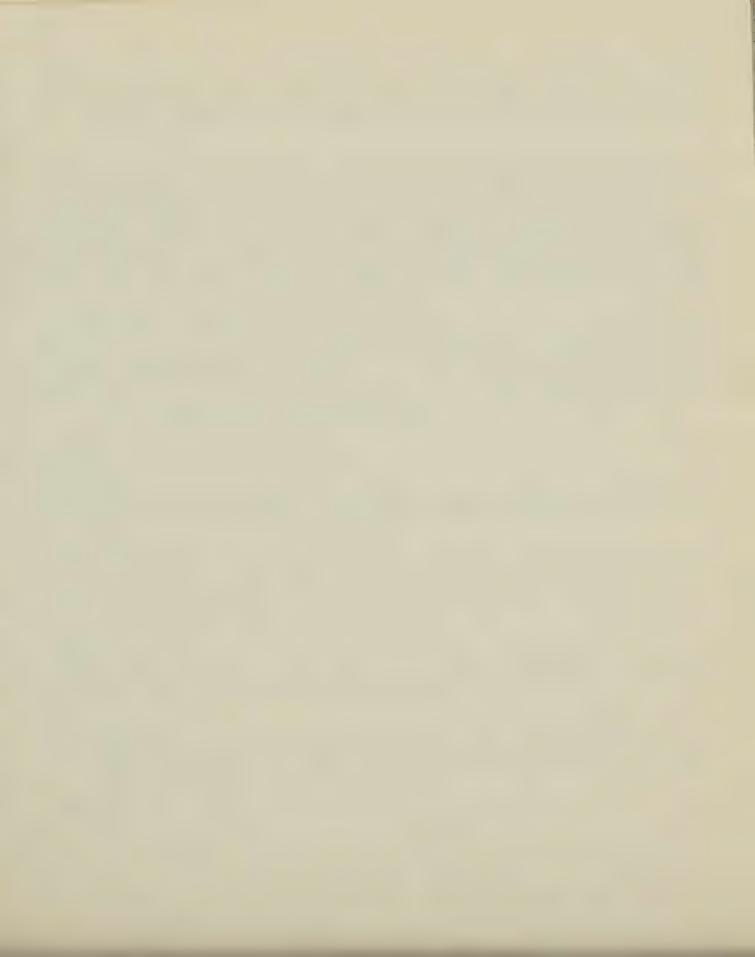
Moving pictures and still photographs were taken of an M26 Heavy tank with and without fenders and shields to observe the dust pattern about the hull and turret.

RESULTS:

Dust concentrations in all positions measured in tasts (a) were energive, more so with the turnet culve these and with the low blower (see Table 4). It comparative tests, with the pun in rear or forward positions, the box location was the more satisfactory of the two inlet cositions. During these tests the wind velocity was p-10 mph. In somal practice it is doubtful if vontiles could travel so closely behind one another for safety reasons and because of the danger of clayering the engine oil filter.

Tents 5% and 56 in group (b) were represed on the recent day of test operation when a lower wind velocity prevailed. The first test serves to illustrate the condition arising with a strong wird blower operated activities with the thereto bulge blower equivalent to the bow blower. Removing the sand hield and from tenders increases the dust concentration in the venicle from A to 10 plant the value law same positions with the shields and feeders installed. This is an excellent illustration for the requirement of some tabulas and senders, durable shoups to remain intact through the hazards of normal tank employment.

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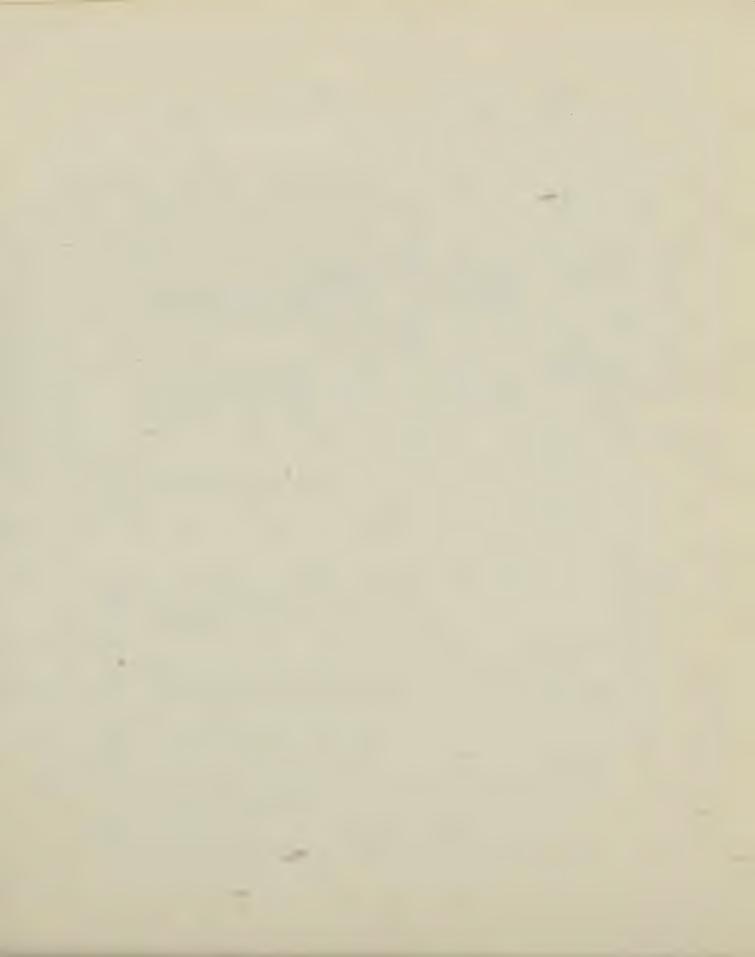


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Tests conducted with Group LA-3B on 10 July 1945 Others conducted on 12 July 1945

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KEAN NOISE LEVEL MEASUREMENTS, Db., OF MEDIUM TANK T-25E1

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Dust Pattern for Heavy Tank, M26 with Fenders and Sand Shields

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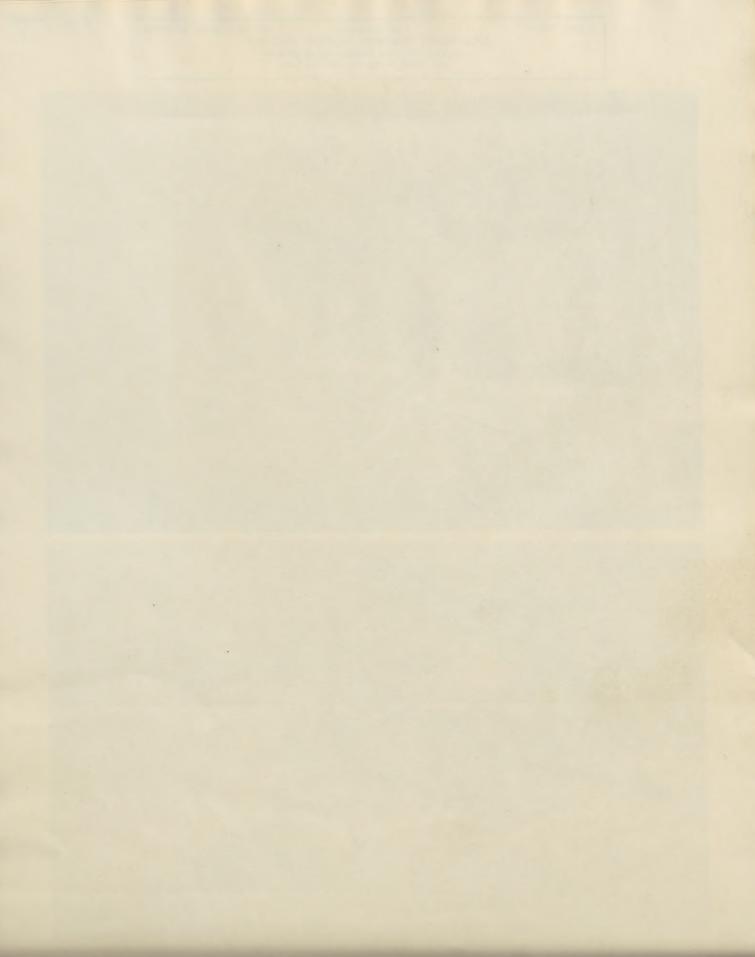


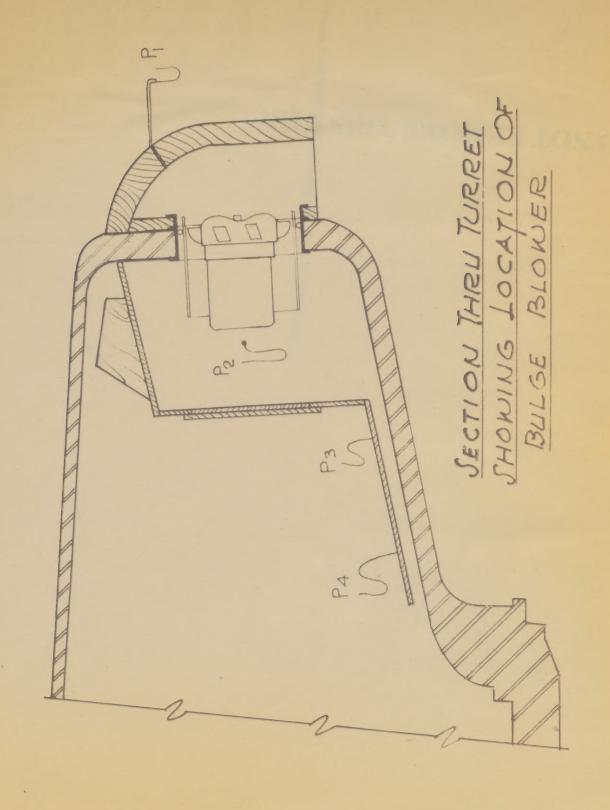




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